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HIGHLIGHTS

The Communists are intensifying their resistance to allied sweep operations in the coastal provinces as well as their harassment of allied positions. Recent debates and decisions within South Vietnam's Provisional National Assembly have reflected the growing split between Premier Ky and Chief of State Thieu.

I. The Military Situation in South Vietnam: Intensified Communist resistance to allied sweep operations in the northern and coastal provinces, coupled with renewed enemy initiatives against allied static defensive positions near the Demilitarized Zone and in the western highlands, highlighted military action in South Vietnam during 20-21 June (Paras. 1-4). Communist forces in South Vietnam have suffered nearly twice the number of casualties in the first five months of this year than they did during the first five months of 1966 (Para. 5). Weekly Review of South Vietnam Battle Statistics (Para. 6).

II. Political Developments in South Vietnam: Civilian presidential candidate Tran Van Huong appears to be relying on a loose grouping of southern leaders to further his campaign plans (Paras. 1-2). The Provisional National Assembly decided on 19 June to issue a public statement protesting the Directorate's recent change in the upper house election laws (Paras. 3-5).

III. Military Developments in North Vietnam: There is nothing of significance to report.

IV. Other Communist Military Developments: There is nothing of significance to report.

V. Communist Political Developments: There is nothing of significance to report.

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ANNEX:

South Vietnam Battle Statistics

1963 to week of 11-17 June 1967

-Weapons and Personnel Losses

-Viet Cong Attacks and Incidents

South Vietnamese and Viet Cong Casualties

and Weapons Losses - 1962 to 31 May 1967

-General Statistical Data

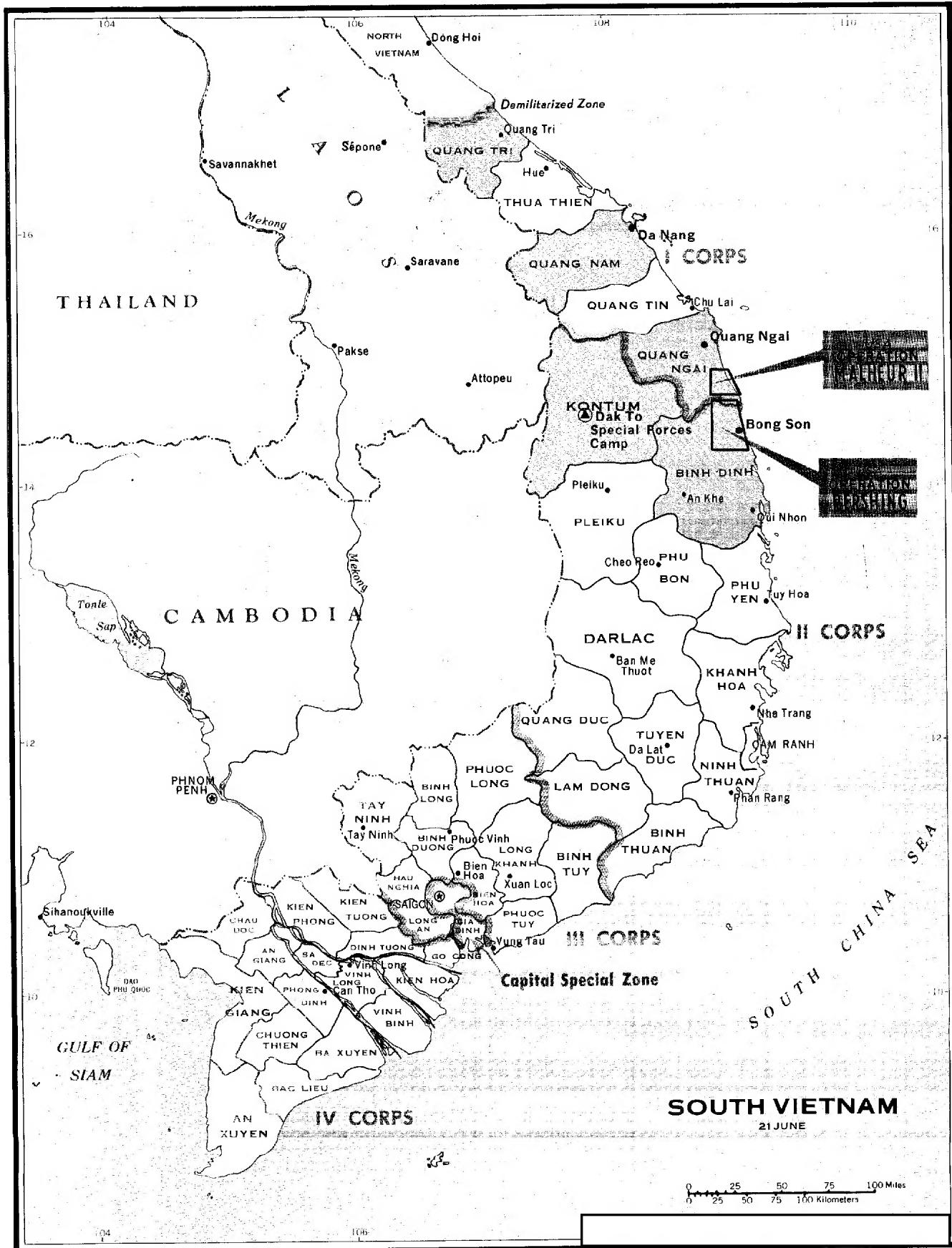
-Composite Annual Totals

-Viet Cong Incidents

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I. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. Intensified Communist resistance to allied sweep operations in the northern and central coastal provinces, coupled with renewed enemy initiatives against allied static defensive positions near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and in the western highlands, highlighted military action in South Vietnam during 20-21 June.

2. Elements of the US 1st Air Cavalry Division reported heavy contact with probable elements of the 3rd North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Division during the conduct of Operations PERSHING and MALHEUR II in Binh Dinh and Quang Ngai provinces, respectively. In two major engagements northeast of Bong Son and southeast of Quang Ngai city, US cavalrymen killed 133 Communist troops while losing six killed and 41 wounded. Meanwhile, in Quang Nam Province, an estimated Communist battalion lost 34 killed during an eight-hour fire fight with a reinforced ARVN battalion some 17 miles southeast of Da Nang. ARVN casualties included 14 killed and 16 wounded.

3. In South Vietnam's northernmost Quang Tri Province, four US Marines were killed and 44 wounded during 19-20 June when four Marine defensive positions just south of the DMZ were hit by NVA artillery, rocket, and mortar fire. Communist gun crews in the DMZ area during the week ending 17 June launched 13 such attacks against US Marine and ARVN units south of the buffer zone. The Communists used an estimated 675 rounds of 60-mm., 81/82-mm., and 120-mm. mortar, 85-mm. and 122-mm. artillery, and 140-mm. rockets. Only an estimated 175 rounds were delivered in six attacks during the previous week. Resumption of these attacks on an increasingly heavy scale provides further evidence that NVA fire support units have rebuilt and reoccupied positions within and south of the DMZ which were destroyed by allied ground and air operations in May.

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4. In the western highlands on 21 June, the headquarters of the 42nd ARVN Regiment at Dak To in Kontum Province was shelled by heavy Communist mortar fire, resulting in friendly casualties of five killed and 30 wounded. The attacking force was probably subordinate to the NVA 24th Regiment, elements of which have displayed increased aggressiveness in the Dak To area in recent weeks. More specifically, the attack may have been launched by a company of the Viet Cong 200th Artillery Battalion, which is reportedly equipped with 120-mm. mortars, and has been attached to the NVA 24th Regiment since October 1966.

5. According to MACV tallies, Communist forces in South Vietnam suffered 38,793 killed between 1 January and 31 May this year compared with about 20,000 killed for the same five-month period in 1966. US combat forces lost 3,275 killed through 27 May compared with 1,645 for the same period last year.

Weekly Review of South Vietnam Battle Statistics

6. The week of 11-17 June compared with the week of 4-10 June:

I. Viet Cong Incidents

	<u>4-10 June</u>	<u>11-17 June</u>
Attacks	44	49
Battalion or Larger.....	0	1
Small Unit.....	44	48
Harassment	361	385
Terrorism	40	37
Sabotage	23	13
Propaganda	8	11
Antiaircraft	<u>206</u>	<u>257</u>
 TOTAL INCIDENTS	682	752

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II. Casualties

	VC/NVA		GVN	
	4-10 June	11-17 June	4-10 June	11-17 June
Killed	1,156	1,852	215	213
Wounded	-----	-----	496	556
Missing/ Captured	-----	-----	38	14
TOTALS	1,156	1,852	749	783

	US		FREE WORLD	
	4-10 June	11-17 June	4-10 June	11-17 June
Killed	175	143	18	22
Wounded	928	953	26	53
Missing/ Captured	---	---	--	--
TOTALS	1,103	1,096	44	75

III. Weapons Captured

	VC/NVA		GVN	
	4-10 June	11-17 June	4-10 June	11-17 June
Individual Crew-Served	370 26	Not Reported	154 3	115 3
TOTALS	396		157	118

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II. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

1. Civilian presidential candidate Tran Van Huong appears to be relying on a loose grouping of southern leaders to further his campaign plans. According to US Embassy information, these leaders include Ministry of Defense chef de cabinet Huynh Van Dao, former youth minister Vo Long Trieu, former education Minister Nguyen Van Truong, and former economic minister Au Truong Thanh. Huong told an embassy officer in late May that Dao would be the logical chairman of the group, but at present Trieu and Truong appear to be the most active in attempting to line up support.

2. According to Trieu, Huong has campaign representatives in 30 provinces. Campaign activity has not, however, reached the district level and is particularly weak in central Vietnam even though Huong has representatives in the cities of Hue, Da Nang, and Nha Trang.

National Assembly Activities

3. The Provisional National Assembly voted on 19 June to issue a public statement protesting the Directorate's recent promulgation of a revised upper house election law. As issued by the Directorate, the law allows voters to cast ballots for six candidate lists rather than two as the assembly had previously decided. Each list will contain ten candidates for the 60-man senate. After lengthy debate on the Directorate's change, the deputies were offered three alternatives by assembly Chairman Phan Khac Suu: approval of the change, issuance of a protest, or mass resignation from the assembly. A clear majority opted for the middle course.

4. The assembly debate on the Directorate's election law change contained reflections of the split between Premier Ky and Chief of State Thieu. Generally following the stand of Ky, who is reported to have argued unsuccessfully within the Directorate for retaining the two-list voting procedure, Democratic Alliance Bloc (DAB) members denounced the Directorate's choice of six lists as unconstitutional and undemocratic, while deputies usually considered oppositionist defended the Directorate.

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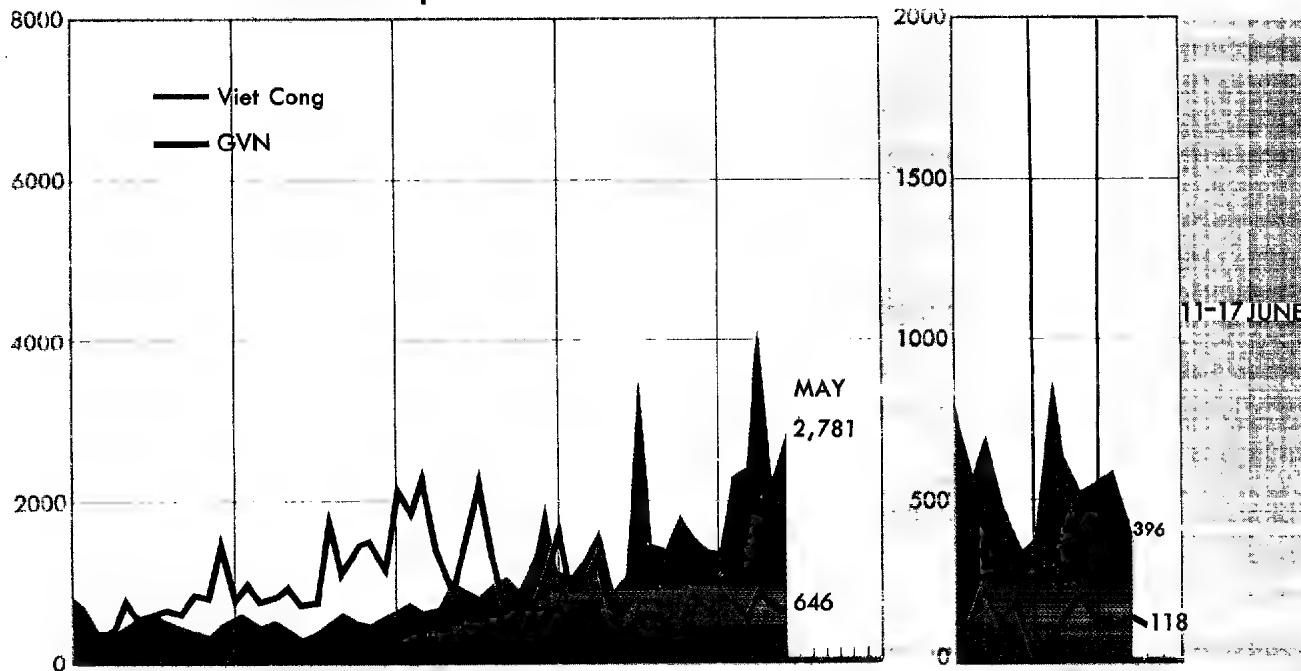
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5. Among its other actions during the sessions, of 19 and 20 June the assembly decided on the composition of a special assembly committee to examine dossiers and pass on the credentials of presidential candidates. It also selected its representatives to the central election councils which will act as overseers for both presidential and upper house elections. In both cases, members of the (DAB) --which has heretofore had a working majority in the assembly and has largely been responsive to the government's wishes--were defeated. The failure of the DAB to get any of its members named to the electoral committees is a further indication that the Ky-Thieu split may be eroding the Bloc's solidarity.

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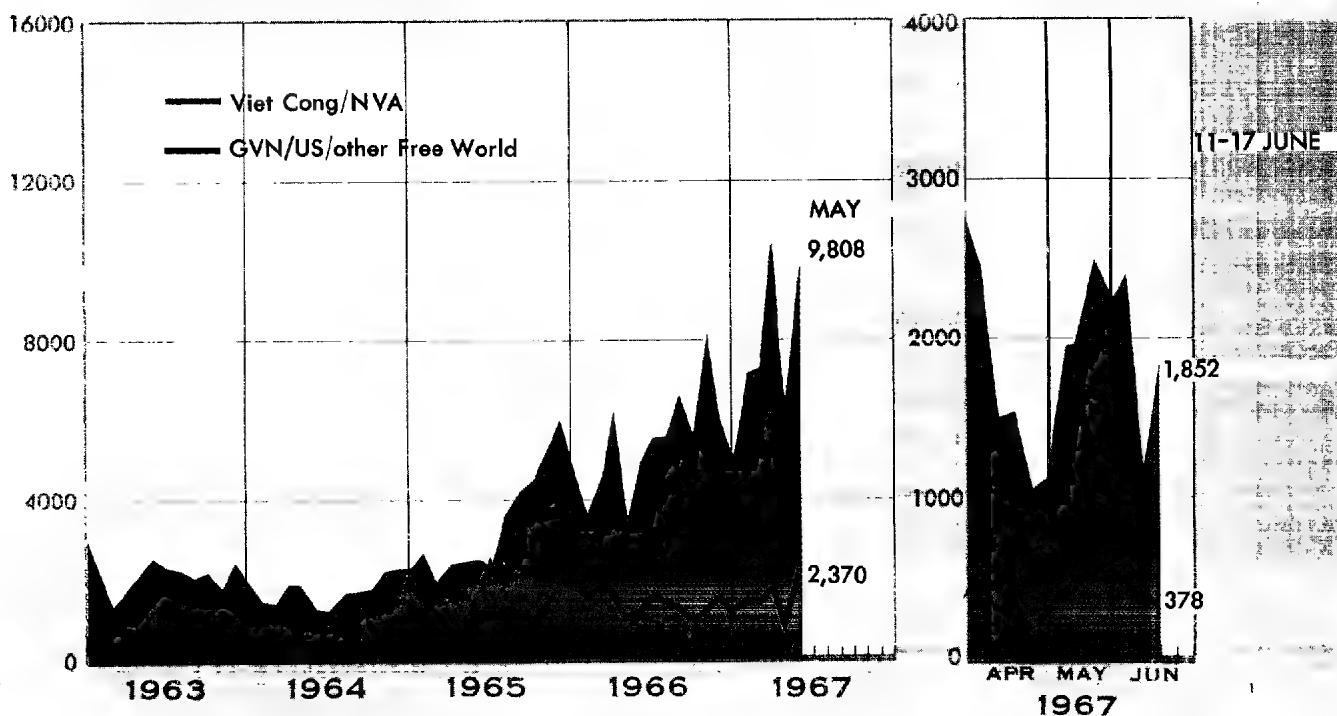
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Weapons Losses



Personnel Losses

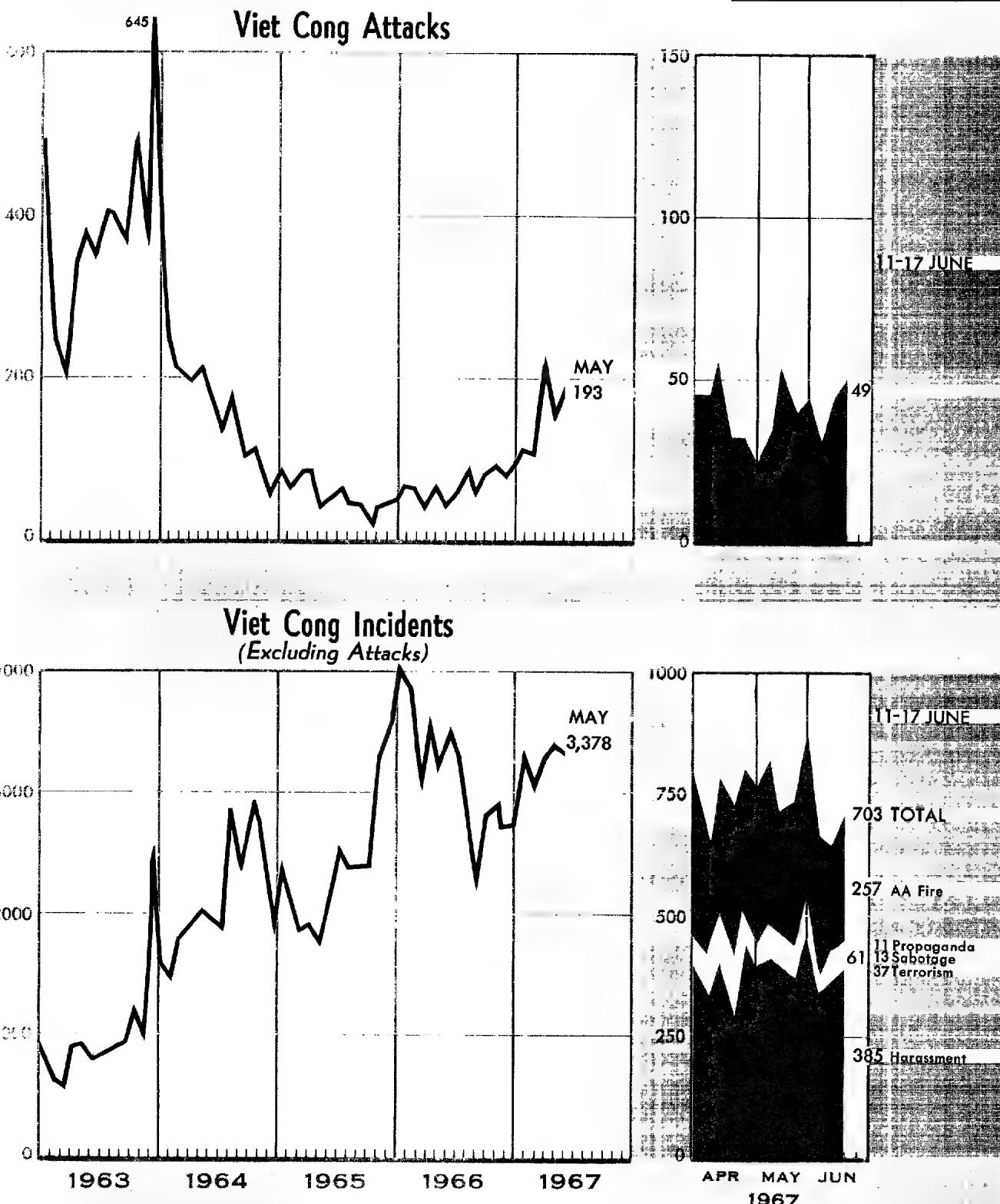
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US Casualties to Date: Killed 11,099 Wounded 67,083 Captured 175 Missing 441

*Due to a change in the reporting of personnel losses, beginning 12 February 1967, the weekly and monthly figure will represent only personnel killed.

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South Vietnamese and Viet Cong Casualties and
Weapons Losses: 1962 - 31 May 1967

1. General Statistical Data:

Time Period	Viet Cong Inci-dents	Killed in Action		Wounded in Action		Captured or Missing		Total Casualties		Weapons Losses	
		GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC
Jan	1962	1825	299	1294	475	212	116	390	890	1896	-
	1963	927	453	1754	908	318	102	379	1463	2451	457 683
	1964	1770	343	1223	913	-	555	240	1811	1463	917 532
	1965	2206	904	2203	1938	-	471	565	3313	2768	1700 711
	1966	3914	747	2648	1557	-	450	588	2754	3236	935 979
	1967	3369	887	6064	2036	-	166	-	3089	--	738 2360
Feb	1962	1460	244	1205	300	316	124	353	668	1874	-
	1963	788	379	1082	656	303	82	292	1117	1677	253 399
	1964	2078	374	1055	916	-	303	289	1593	1344	708 471
	1965	1982	880	1564	1840	-	1394	309	4114	1873	2454 620
	1966	3100	1015	4727	2095	-	477	508	3587	5235	1076 1219
	1967	3183	771	7341	2125	-	154	-	3050	--	532 2395
Mar	1962	1961	523	1456	737	551	140	523	1400	2530	-
	1963	1282	410	1443	851	368	66	222	1327	2033	467 367
	1964	2160	439	1456	1249	-	345	531	2033	1987	814 532
	1965	2056	751	2022	1633	-	720	394	3104	2416	1442 698
	1966	3670	938	5685	1961	-	466	604	3365	6289	1393 1632
	1967	3379	1718	10313	2786	-	468	-	4372	10313	984 4215
Apr	1962	1933	387	1596	532	292	151	415	1070	2303	-
	1963	1331	506	1660	878	256	96	388	1440	2304	797 468
	1964	2284	594	1671	1584	-	398	245	2576	1916	990 424
	1965	1860	591	1909	1650	-	232	529	2473	2438	757 973
	1966	3190	573	2818	1522	-	121	483	2216	3301	594 829
	1967	3494	935	6227	2490	-	134	-	3559	--	725 2118
May	1962	1825	390	1756	509	352	94	524	993	2632	-
	1963	1208	435	1895	889	295	94	695	1418	2885	463 564
	1964	2143	458	1135	987	-	202	242	1647	1377	723 281
	1965	2263	1049	1975	2143	-	873	548	4065	2523	1701 831
	1966	3566	661	4239	1454	-	196	652	2311	4891	493 1087
	1967	3571	1026	9808	2830	-	148	-	4006	9808	646 2781
Jun	1962	1477	325	1666	613	413	77	441	1015	2520	-
	1963	1311	389	1863	772	310	90	437	1251	2609	580 394
	1964	2062	494	1005	1145	-	313	230	1952	1235	718 387
	1965	2597	1211	2208	1920	-	1260	189	4391	2397	2387 793
	1966	3359	860	4815	1800	-	183	752	2843	5567	735 3761
Jul	1962	1564	384	1544	686	424	212	542	1282	2510	-
	1963	1368	529	1918	1071	372	306	387	1906	2677	663 374
	1964	3045	900	1427	1812	-	510	219	3222	1646	1889 447
	1965	2520	1160	2980	1591	-	540	580	3425	3560	1375 882
	1966	2844	862	5532	1638	-	242	414	2742	5946	744 1483

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Time Period	Viet Cong Incidents	Killed in Action		Wounded in Action		Captured or Missing		Total Casualties		Weapons Losses	
		GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC
Aug	1962	1642	377	2271	626	367	63	669	1066	3307	- -
	1963	1349	411	1685	804	237	352	482	1567	2404	637 428
	1964	2580	721	1449	1612	-	478	282	2811	1731	1106 619
	1965	2498	808	3624	1945	-	287	606	3040	4230	705 1074
	1966	2401	722	5857	1491	-	209	924	2422	6781	654 1298
Sep	1962	1375	419	2218	646	365	59	446	1124	3029	- -
	1963	1763	672	1982	1155	234	566	347	2393	2563	878 389
	1964	3091	819	1187	1759	-	737	230	3315	1417	1465 525
	1965	2473	655	3485	1724	-	266	838	2645	4323	778 838
	1966	2864	566	4447	1554	-	185	839	2305	5286	426 1580
Oct	1962	1357	365	1967	619	286	64	373	1048	2626	- -
	1963	1422	428	1520	989	244	398	236	1815	2000	753 330
	1964	2827	739	1617	1583	-	693	576	3015	2193	1510 482
	1965	3330	961	3874	2416	-	225	660	3602	4534	762 1013
	1966	2923	906	5665	2118	-	216	2438	3240	8103	851 1977
Nov	1962	1311	410	1982	834	368	92	561	1336	2911	- -
	1963	3182	664	2333	1554	373	665	252	2883	2958	1595 455
	1964	1982	574	1747	1404	-	410	570	2388	2317	1104 515
	1965	3638	1034	5516	2056	-	520	592	3610	6108	1126 2164
	1966	2778	804	5227	1933	-	200	816	2937	6043	650 1423
Dec	1962	1346	294	2203	618	289	78	463	990	2955	- -
	1963	1921	389	1440	961	191	320	190	1670	1821	724 546
	1964	2504	1002	1813	2053	-	1092	503	4147	2316	2111 666
	1965	4106	1239	4076	2262	-	926	516	4427	4592	1728 1158
	1966	2837	815	3864	1851	-	338	701	3004	4565	830 1338

Composite Annual Totals

Time Period	VC Incidents	KIA		WIA		Captured or Missing		Total Casualties		Weapons Losses	
		GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC	GVN	VC
1962	19076	4417	21158	7195	4235	1270	5700	12882	31093	5195	4049*
1963	17852	5665	20575	11488	3501	3137	4307	20290	28383	8267	5397
1964	28526	7457	16785	17017	-	6036	4157	30510	20942	14055	5881
1965	31529	11243	35436	23118	-	7848	6326	42209	41762	16915	11755
1966	37446	9469	55524	20974	-	3283	9719	33726	65243	9381	18606
**1967	16996	4737	38793	12267	-	1070	--	18074	--	3625	13480

*Monthly data unavailable for 1962 Weapons Losses.

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2. Viet Cong Incidents: 1962 - 31 May 1967

Time Period	Viet Cong Incidents	ATTACKS			Harassment & Terrorism	Sabotage	Propa-ganda	Anti-Aircraft
		Small Unit	Bn. Size or Larger	Total				
Jan	1962 1825	549	0	549	839	180	257	-
	1963 927	250	2	252	447	49	179	-
	1964 1770	220	3	223	1244	129	174	-
	1965 2206	62	1	63	1489	272	170	212
	1966 3914	65	5	70	2490	312	299	743
	1967 3369	141	1	142	1772	70	128	1257
Feb	1962 1460	500	0	500	613	137	210	-
	1963 788	194	1	195	433	69	91	-
	1964 2078	214	3	217	1389	210	271	-
	1965 1982	79	3	82	1411	267	91	131
	1966 3100	60	9	69	1829	201	172	829
	1967 3183	115	2	117	1499	39	76	1452
Mar	1962 1961	588	0	588	660	290	423	-
	1963 1282	344	0	344	653	131	154	-
	1964 2160	202	1	203	1632	158	167	-
	1965 2056	83	3	86	1476	240	90	164
	1966 3670	42	10	52	2332	212	154	920
	1967 3379	212	7	219	1844	50	45	1221
Apr	1962 1933	497	0	497	1024	220	192	-
	1963 1331	380	3	383	688	105	155	-
	1964 2284	217	3	220	1738	169	157	-
	1965 1860	39	4	43	1407	149	96	165
	1966 3190	68	9	77	2238	252	110	513
	1967 3494	155	7	162	1992	67	109	1164
May	1962 1825	518	0	528	892	154	251	-
	1963 1208	357	0	357	608	93	150	-
	1964 2143	173	2	175	418	217	140	193
	1965 2263	47	11	58	1558	365	115	170
	1966 3566	46	7	53	2552	295	106	560
	1967 3571	189	4	193	1985	74	59	1260
Jun	1962 1477	362	0	362	736	157	222	-
	1963 1311	409	1	410	652	107	142	-
	1964 2062	138	2	140	1390	176	162	194
	1965 2597	63	6	69	1784	469	103	172
	1966 3359	57	11	68	2382	211	110	588
	1962 1564	447	1	448	735	158	223	-
Jul	1963 1368	416	1	407	698	80	183	-
	1964 3045	178	7	185	2132	286	224	218
	1965 2520	42	6	48	1706	400	154	212
	1966 2844	91	0	91	1906	200	86	561

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Time Period	Viet Cong Incidents	A T T A C K S			Harassment & Terrorism	Sabotage	Propa-ganda	Anti-Aircraft
		Small Unit	Bn. Size or Larger	Total				
Aug	1962 1642	378	0	378	885	146	233	-
	1963 1349	367	1	368	647	113	221	-
	1964 2580	110	3	113	1775	315	173	204
	1965 2498	47	5	52	1597	349	200	300
	1966 2401	59	5	64	1752	113	87	385
Sep	1962 1375	391	0	391	624	178	182	-
	1963 1763	500	3	503	889	164	207	-
	1964 3091	114	4	118	1938	482	178	375
	1965 2473	26	5	31	1530	278	185	449
	1966 2864	84	2	86	1972	90	115	601
Oct	1962 1357	418	1	419	583	189	166	-
	1963 1422	365	0	365	802	105	150	-
	1964 2827	77	6	83	1790	480	197	277
	1965 3330	32	12	44	1969	415	198	704
	1966 2923	119	2	121	1749	103	81	869
Nov	1962 1311	418	3	421	614	144	132	-
	1963 3182	642	3	645	1990	269	278	-
	1964 1982	59	1	60	1391	247	109	175
	1965 3638	42	10	52	2234	486	255	611
	1966 2778	84	2	86	1701	125	72	794
Dec	1962 1346	383	1	384	670	107	185	-
	1963 1921	261	0	261	1298	111	251	-
	1964 2504	90	6	96	1719	318	128	243
	1965 4106	50	7	57	2572	442	317	718
	1966 2837	97	4	101	1761	98	112	765

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1962	19076	5459	6	5465	8875	2060	2676	No Data
1963	17852	4475	15	4490	9805	1396	2161	No Data
1964	28526	1792	41	1833	19556	3178	2080	1879
1965	31529	612	73	685	20730	4132	1974	4008
1966	37446	872	66	938	24664	2212	1504	8128
*1967	16996	812	21	833	9092	300	417	6354

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